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City celebrates World Environment Day

MCC's Swachh Bharat Brand Ambassador Javagal Srinath launches CLEAN CITY CAMPAIGN

Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and public take cleanliness oath administered by MCC's Swachh Bharat Ambassador cricketer Javagal Srinath during the World Environment Day celebrations in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple this morning. Picture right shows children holding placards near Chamundi Hill.

Mysuru, June 5 (RK&NNN)- Former International cricketer Javagal Srinath, a passionate Mysurean, has been appointed the brand ambassador by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, Mysuru.

After reading out an oath and flagging off the procession here at 7 in the morning, near the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, outside the Palace premises, to celebrate the World Environment Day, Srinath, said, "I will try to see that Mysuru city which has lost the top position in the Swachh Bharat Mission ranking in the country, will regain its top place once again."

To achieve this, awareness has to be created among officials and the people to work hard, he said and added that he would fully cooperate and motivate the citizens.

The rally with nearly 700 people, holding placards, wound its way from the Temple premises passed through Old Bank Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Ayurveda Circle and reached the K.R. Hospital premises at 8 am.

Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, MCC Finance Committee Chairman K.V. Mallesh, Health Committee Chairman M. Mahadevappa, Health Officer Dr. Ramachandra and Dr. Nagaraj, Superintending Engineer Suresh Babu, Zonal officers, Environmental Engineers, Inner Wheel Club of Mysore members, Vrindavan Nagarika Vedike members, students of Nursing Colleges including Gopal Gowda Shantaveri Nursing School, Apollo Hospital, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute and Nataraj Nursing School participated.

Principal District and Sessions Judge P.G.M. Patil, after planting saplings and watering a plant at the Institution of Engineers, to observe World Environment Day with the theme 'Connecting People to Nature,' said, "Everyone was telling that a day would come when we have to pay to buy drinking water and that day has arrived. Similarly, a day will come when we have to pay for the air we breathe."

Prizes were distributed to nearly 20 children who had participated in the drawing and painting competition. Senior Civil Judge C.G. Mohammad Wazirulla, Senior Environmental Officer M.G. Yatish and others were present during the programme.

About 50 cyclists on 'Trin Trin' took out a bicycle rally from Country Inn & Suites and reached Kukkarahalli Lake early in the morning. Nearly 500 saplings were planted.

Mayor Ravikumar, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep and General Manger of Country Inn and Suites Pankaj Saxena were present.

Shubharambha, mass marriage at Chamundi Hill in August

Mysuru, June 5 (RKB&DM)- Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep held a preliminary meeting on *Shubharambha,* a mass marriage programme to be organised in August, at his office here this morning.

Later, briefing press persons, DC Randeep said the District Administration has planned to organise the second edition of *Shubharambha*, a mass marriage programme to promote simple marriage concept, atop Chamundi Hill on Aug. 2 or Aug. 9, 2017. The first mass marriage programme was held at Sri Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud on Nov. 8, 2015, he said.

Continuing, the DC said that 101 couples will tie the knot. However, depending upon the number of applications to be received till the end of this month, the District Administration will increase this number to about 120.

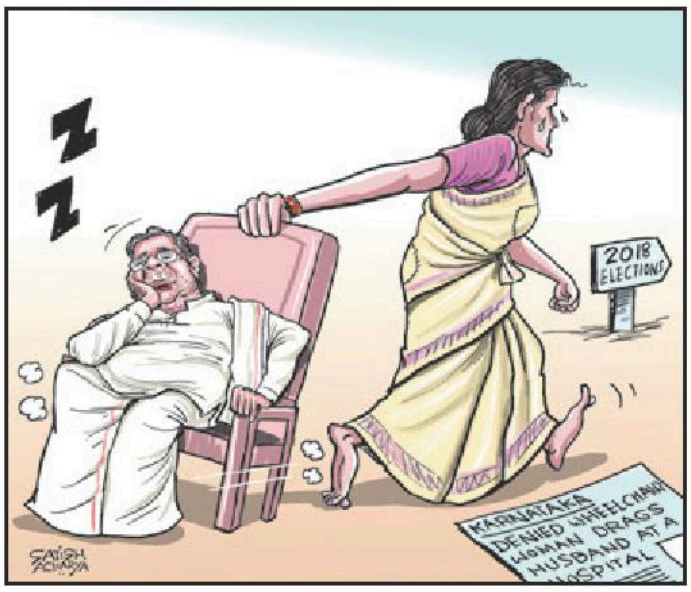
The groom must be minimum 21 years of age and the bride 18 years and the couple planning to get married should produce age proof, he said.

Pointing out that the District Administration, in an effort to bring reforms in the society, will encourage inter-caste marriages, the DC said the mass marriage programme is open to all religions and the rituals will be conducted as per the respective faiths.

Those willing to get married in the mass marriage, can contact Chamundi Hill EO K.M. Prasad (94487-19627), Women and Child Welfare Department DD Radha (99022-70154), Muzrai Tahsildar Yathiraj Sampathkumar (0821-2422174) and Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa (97416-22155).

The last date for registration is June 30.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Monday 5th June 2017

Off-stage dramatics

A former Chief Minister of Karnataka with credentials known to the literature-savvy sections of society, speaking at a book release function last week in Mysuru, opined that "Time has come to revive theatre activities," as reported in a section of the press. According to him, staging Kannada plays in other States and creating a platform for theatre artistes of other States to perform in Karnataka would help people at large to *understand* the culture and tradition of the land's different regions as well as adopt their theatre skills. The report on the aforementioned function made no mention of the theatre festival *Baluroopi* held annually in Mysuru for the past several years about which the speaker must surely be fully aware. What has been the outcome of the largely-attended festival is a question that has gone abegging. An authoritative review of the festivals held so far by a team of Mysuru-based theatre activists would fill that gap.

Cinema and television, both drawing extensively from technology, apart from seamless patronage of both forms of entertainment from their connoisseurs from all sections of society by millions as well money being poured into modern filed of entertainment, now accessible by the touch of a button, have unarguably sounded the death knell of the theatre all over the country, maybe even globally.

Before dwelling on the dramatics being acted *off-stage* by the vote-seeking fraternity in the country, unacceptably identified as *politicians*, one is tempted to quote the line scripted by the prolific playwright William Shakespeare (1564-1616) in the play *'As You Like It'*: "All the world is a stage, And all the men and women merely players, They have their *exists and entrances*." In his play *king Lear*, the Bard of Stratford upon Avon also wrote "When we are born, we cry that we are come to this great stage of fools." If the legendary author, who was also a dramatist himself, was alive today and had an opportunity to witness the goings on in the country, he might have brought on stage the profile of contemporary society of which we are all part, some acting and the rest happy to be spectators. Is there any need to say explicitly who these off-stage actors are?

The expectation of the former Chief Minister about staging plays facilitating the culture (of our times) and traditions (that have gone extinct) to be understood by the people at large, expressed naively by the former Chief Minister, may prompt one or the other playwright of Mysuru to script a play to impress upon the audiences about the viles and guiles of politicians fooling the masses everyday by their dramatics off-stage.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Contrary to kinetics, the couch potato's life is fraught with nervous strife. The television viewer's perception of India is being distorted in a mad race for TRP numbers.

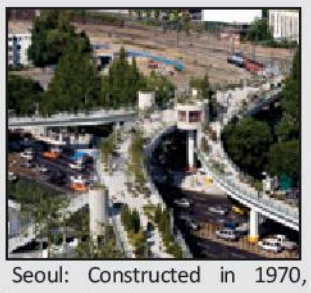
Over seven crore Indians watch TV. Most are treated to a feast of blood and gore on news channels; as if all that happens around is murder and mayhem. In its cathode dementia, Dalits and Muslims are lynched in a loop by bloodthirsty vegetarians defending cows. A man's daylight murder by a sword-wielding killer is prime time news.

Violence is what makes news in India today. Reporting is passé. The voyeuristic skills of anyone with a mobile phone and an internet connection can yield a 'scoop'—why spend time and money covering a real story in these days of downloads? It's Breaking News, buddy.

—Ravi Shankar in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pedestrian Sky Garden



Seoul: Constructed in 1970, the Seoul Station overpass connected the eastern and western halves of the South Korean capital for over three decades. Closed in 2015, due to safety concerns, the iconic suspended highway was reopened this month, as a pedestrian sky garden.

Inspired by New York's High Line park, an old elevated freight rail line transformed into a public park, the Seoul Mayor Park Won-soon, came up with a different plan to abort the demolition of the iconic overpass and to transform it into a pedestrian sky garden accommodating the biggest variety of Korean plant species. Named Seoullo 7017, the new project is a recognition of the need to preserve historical landmarks, and an attempt to make the city greener and more pedestrian-friendly. Seoullo 7017 features 645 giant concrete pots, containing 228 species of trees and flowers. It is also designed to be an "urban nursery" for trees.

Racing in his Socks

Nairobi: Ibrahim Mukunga Wachira, a 27-year-old marathon runner from Kenya, became an overnight sensation in the small Baltic country of Estonia, after winning the 35th annual Tartu Half-Marathon, a 23-kilometer race he ran in his socks. Ibrahim didn't plan on running the Tartu Half-Marathon, on April 28, in his socks. He arrived at the starting point with his running shoes, but gave them to someone for safe keeping, and just couldn't retrieve them before the starting whistle. He even told the race organizers about this problem, and they tried to help him out, appealing to the public for a pair of shoes his size. But no one stepped up, so the Kenyan athlete was left with two options, drop out of the marathon, or run in his socks. He went for the latter. "It was pretty difficult in the beginning," Ibrahim told Estonian news site Delfi. By the 11th kilometer of the marathon, Ibrahim was already leading the race, and his official time of 1.13.23 was also a new speed record for the Tartu Half-Marathon.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

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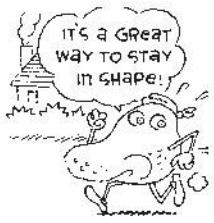

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Temporary augmentation of Jaipur - Yesvantpur Suvidha Weekly Express

Mysuru, June 5- The temporary augmentation of Train No. 82653/82654 Yesvantpur - Jaipur - Yesvantpur Suvidha Weekly Express with one second class sleeper coach will be from 29.6.2017 from Yesvantpur and 1.7.2017 from Jaipur (one trip only).

Train No. 82653/82654 Yesvantpur - Jaipur - Yesvantpur Suvidha Weekly Express will have the revised composition of two AC 2-tier coaches, four AC 3-tier coaches, ten second class sleeper coaches, one pantry car, two luggage-cum-brake van with generator.

Vijayawada-Hubballi, Amravati Express

Railways have also decided to temporarily augment one second class sleeper coach for Train No. 17225 Vijayawada-Hubballi, Amravati Express with effect from June 1 to June 30, 2017 and Train No. 17226 Hubballi-Vijayawada, Amravati Express with effect from June 2 to July 1, 2017.

Train No. 17225/17226 Vijayawada-Hubballi-Vijayawada, Amravati Express will have the revised composition of one AC 2-tier coach, one AC 3-tier coach, seven second class sleeper coaches, five second class coaches and two luggage-cum-brake van.

Regulation of train

Train No. 56273, Arsikere - Hubballi Passenger will be regulated at Yalvigi station for 58 minutes on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday upto July 10, 2017 due to line block between Yalvigi - Gudgeri for maintenance work, according to a press release from Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway, Hubballi.

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VOICE OF THE READER

A senior citizen's ordeal at K.R. Hospital to obtain 'disability certificate'

Sir,

I am a senior citizen who until recently advised UN Security Council as well as Government of India. My younger brother, who has congenital hydrocephalus and has recently undergone surgery for spinal cord decongestion, is unable to walk well. We went to buy a four-wheeler scooter for him and were told by the scooter dealer as well as RTO that he will require a 'disability certificate', for which only K.R. Hospital is authorised in town.

I went over with my brother to the hospital and the counter that issues disability certificate was not attended for over an hour. I stood at the counter and when finally the person came, there was no semblance of an orderly counselling. Although I was the first in the queue, I was pushed to the last and there was no one managing the people. And I couldn't push through a cluster of women who dominated the counter for quite a while.

When I reached the counter clerk finally, I was asked to go to OPD, get a slip and then meet an Orthopaedic first. With my brother who has difficulty even to stand for long, I stood in the queue before the cabin of an Orthopaedic Associate Professor. After about an hour of standing in the queue and as I went in and mentioned to the doctor that I have come seeking a disability certificate for my brother and presented him with the documents, he got up and asked me to come in the afternoon and went away.

We stood again in the queue that afternoon for another hour and met him. He checked my brother and asked us to go and seek an opinion from a Neurologist in the hospital.

The Neurology OPD, I was told, works only 2 days a week and over a hundred people throng the place when it opens. There is absolutely no order. We went the next day early in the morning and presented the OPD card to the door assistant. After over 3 hours, we could see the Neurologist, who after checking, advised that we should get an X-ray of the neck. We then stood before the X-ray lab for several hours again and by evening got the X-ray done. We were then asked to return the next day for the report, because, the X-ray machine apparently went out of order soon after.

The next day, after much jostling, we could get to talk to the staff of X-ray lab, who were extremely uncooperative. After several hours of wait, we were told that our OPD card with the case history written by the doctor is nowhere to be seen. Neither they had the X ray of my brother taken the previous evening nor the OPD card.

So, after three days of running around, standing in long queues and putting a handicapped brother in a lot of difficulty of standing in the corridors without a seat, we were back to square one. We were left to begin the process all over again.

I do not know why the Government has authorised only their most inefficient health outfit as the only agency from where we can obtain disability certificate. On top of it all, K.R. Hospital is just a living hell, being most chaotic. Even the rooms of administrative officers are always empty and we have no idea how to get things done in a civilised manner.

Hope someone concerned at K.R. Hospital will put the house in order. As for us, I have no idea how to get a disability certificate for someone who genuinely needs it. And I am extremely concerned that our desire to provide a minimal mobility to a physically disabled member of the family seems to be too much to ask for in a totally unsympathetic and inefficient system.

—Dr. R. Sudarshana

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Study Classes

Mysuru,June 5- Arsha Vidya Kendra has organised study classes on Bhagavad Gita by Swami Chidrupananda Saraswathi from June 6 to 10 at 6.30 pm at Sadvidya Patashala, Narayana Sastry Road and study classes on Upanisad from June 7 to 10 at 7 am at Prarthana Mandira, Chandramouleshwara Temple, Temple Road V.V. Mohalla. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2412284.

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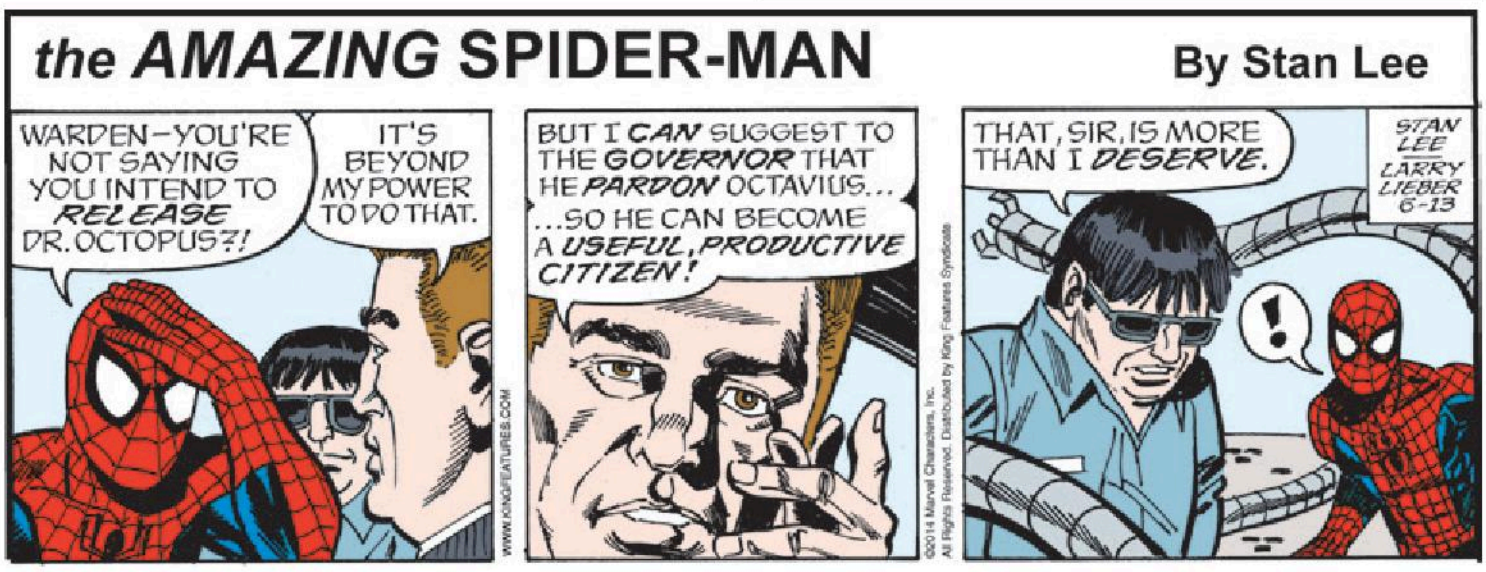
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NEWS BRIEFS

Training at RUDSETI

RUDSETI, Mysuru, is conducting training in Aluminium Fabrication (30- day); Two-Wheeler Servicing (30-day); Plumbing and Sanitary works (30-day); Mushroom cultivation (10-day); CC Camera Servicing (30-day), for the benefit of youth within the age group of 18 to 45 years. Unemployed youth belonging to Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts are eligible. The training will be free of cost including boarding and lodging. The selection will be done through direct interview. Eligible women candidates from Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts can directly attend for the interview at the Institute premises. For details, interested candidates can contact the Director, RUDSET Institute, Hunsur Main Road, Hinkal, Mysuru - 570030 or call Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 94498-60466.

Old newspapers disposal

Old newspapers and magazines at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) will be disposed off through tender-cum-public auction. The last date for submission of rate list is June 12. For details, contact the Director-General, ATI, Mysuru.

B.Ed examination

The written exam of first and third semester B.Ed degree course (CBCS and CAGP scheme) of the University of Mysore (UoM) will commence from July 6. The practical exams will be held before the commencement of the written exam. The last date for submission of filled in forms and payment of fee is June 7.

Shree Lakshmi Narasimha Jayanti

Shree Lakshmi Narahari Seva Trust has organised Shree Lakshmi Narasimha Jayanti celebrations at Shree Lakshmi Narasimha Kshetram on Srinivasa Kshetram Road in Belagola, Srirangapatna, on June 8 — 8 am: Mahabhisheka; 3.30 pm: Shree Lakshmi Narasimha Mahayajna and Maha Purnahuti; 7 pm: Maha Mangalarati; 7.45 pm: Maha Prasadam. Also, Shree Lakshmi Narasimha Mahayajnam will be held between 8.15 am and 11.45 am till June 7.

Wins Gold Medal

L. Pranav, a third standard student of Christ Public School in Bogadi won the gold medal in the 7th SOF International English Olympiad organised by Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) in association with British Council in January. Students from 1,400 cities in India and 25 countries across the globe had taken part in the competition.

CM inaugurates new block of JSS Educational Institutions at Hullahalli

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is seen lighting the lamp during the inauguration of the new block of JSS Educational Institutions at Hullahalli in Nanjangud taluk yesterday. Others seen are Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait and MP R. Dhruvanarayan.

Nanjangud, June 5 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that the Government has taken measures for imparting quality education to students, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has stressed on the need for shaping our children as assets of the society.

He was speaking after inaugurating the new block of JSS Educational Institutions at Hullahalli in the taluk yesterday.

Observing that one must not get education only for the sake of securing jobs, Siddharamaiah said that education plays a key role in the overall development of the society, besides enhancing intellectual thinking among students.

Announcing that the State Government has planned to establish residential schools in all 749 hoblis of the State, he highlighted the need for proper infrastructure and quality education in all schools.

Pointing out that unemployment will increase in the absence of skills, he said that the Government was training 5 lakh youths every year on skill development.

Explaining the initiatives of his Government for enhancing the employability of passing out students, Siddharamaiah said that the Government was distributing laptops to students to make them nationally and internationally competent.

Stating that most students aspire to become only doctors and engineers, Siddharamaiah bemoaned that there were only a handful of students who would say they want to become a teacher, scientist or a nurse.

Emphasizing on the need for introducing certain modifications to the education system, the CM asserted that the aim of education should not be only to get a job but to teach students to lead a good life.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, in his address, said that agriculture graduates should adopt modern farming techniques and become role model for farmers.

MP R. Dhruvanarayan inaugurated the Computer Laboratory, while Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait inaugurated the Library.

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, MLC R. Dharmasena, Nanjangud TP President B.S. Mahadevappa, ZP Vice-President G. Nataraj, Member Mangala Somashekar, Gurumalleshwara Dasoha Mutt Seer Sri Mahanta Swamiji, Guru Kambalishwara Mutt Seer Channabasava Swamiji and others were present.

Sale of house: Prospective buyer accuses owner of cheating

Mysuru, June 5 (YDS&KS)- A house owner, cheating a buyer after taking advance amount, has been reported in city.

While house owner has been identified as Hanumantha of K.M. Halli, the buyer who was cheated has been identified as Akbar Pasha.

It is alleged that Hanumantha and Veena, had pledged the house papers in Indian Overseas Bank and had taken a loan which they had not revealed to Akbar Pasha, but they had got a Sale Deed done at the Sub-Registrar's office and had taken Rs. 4.5 lakh as advance amount from Akbar.

Akbar, who later came to know that there was a loan on the house and the owners had not told him about it before, lodged a complaint at Udayagiri Police Station.

Udayagiri Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Dowry harassment

Mother hangs toddler, commits suicide

Periyapatna, June 5 (Veeresh& KS)- Depressed over the alleged dowry harassment from her husband and his family members, a 24-year-old homemaker hanged her two-year-old daughter and later hanged herself at Muttur village in Periyapatna taluk yesterday afternoon.

While the deceased housewife has been identified as Rashmi, her daughter has been identified as Vaishnavi.

According to Rashmi's family members, they had got Rashmi married to one Murthy alias Raaghu of Mirle in K.R. Nagar taluk on March 24, 2014 and were leading a happy life for a year during which a girl child was born.

They alleged that since a year Rashmi's husband, mother-in-law Indira and father-in-law Gopala Gowda began to harass Rashmi for dowry and added that Rashmi's in-laws, after a fight, had thrown her out of the house following which she had come to her parents' house. Later, after giving Rashmi some money, they had sent her to her husband's house, they said.

Rashmi

Murthy

According to the complaint lodged by Rashmi's father Ningaraju, Murthy left Rashmi and Vaishnavi at his house about a week back, stating that he had fallen off from his bike while going to a function and did not bother to come and take them back. However, on Saturday, he called Rashmi over the phone demanding her to bring Rs. 50,000 while coming back home following which she became depressed and hanged her daughter and later hanged herself when the family members were away.

As none of Murthy's family members came on hearing the news, the villagers were furious and expressed their anger. Tahsildar Mahesh visited the house and collected information. A case has been registered in this regard.

Woman lodges complaint against husband

Mysuru, June 5- Alleging dowry harassment and assault on her and her children, a woman has lodged a complaint against her husband at Women's Police Station in city.

While the woman has been identified as Roopa, her husband has been identified as Shivakumar, a resident of Raghavendranagar in city.

In her complaint, Roopa has stated that she got married to Shivakumar in 2008 and has two children. But since few days, Shivakumar, who used to come home drunk, began to harass her for dowry and used to assault her and her children. Fed up with her husband's behaviour, Roopa has lodged a complaint with the Police, who are investigating.

Man commits suicide

Mysuru, June 5 (MTY&KS)- Depressed over some issues, a man has reportedly committed suicide by hanging self in city yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as Vishwanath (30), a resident of Janatha Nagar in city.

Vishwanath, who was depressed over some issues, had attempted suicide a month ago but was saved by his family members, it is learnt. But yesterday, Vishwanath committed suicide by hanging self to the window grills at a house in Rajarajeshwari Nagar here.

Saraswathipuram Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and are investigating.

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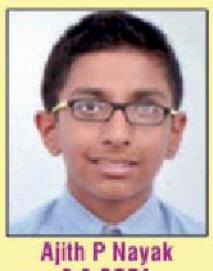
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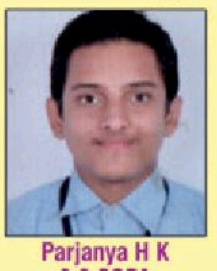
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INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK...

Tuning into the mind of Ustad Amjad Ali Khan

Padma Vibhushan Sarod Maestro retraces his musical journey and his familial bonds

There are masters and there are great masters in the music world. But to find a great master who is also a great human being is rare and to this great genre belongs Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, the Sarod Maestro, who treats every human being as equal. As our photographer entered the room to take photographs, Ustad Saab asked him, "Kya naam hain. Coffee peete ho ya chai. Man pasand cheez kya hai."

Ustad Saab was in Mysuru to perform at the Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram during the 75th birthday celebrations of the Swamiji. *Star of Mysore* Features Editor N. Niranjan Nikam caught up with the maestro at a private hotel. He had just arrived from Delhi and resting and was to perform the same evening. Still, he was gracious enough to agree to the interview. The Maestro in this freewheeling interview, lasting nearly two hours, spoke about his visit to Mysuru, his writing skills, experiments with music, his family and about the tradition of music. Excerpts. —Ed

By N. Niranjan Nikam

Star of Mysore (*SOM*): *Ustad Saab,you have performed a couple of times in Mysore and also at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram. What brings you back to Mysuru?*

Ustad Amjad Ali Khan: It is because of the Swamiji that I am here. I ran into Swamiji last year. We used to discuss about Upasaana of Raagas and trying to discover what is the effect of different ragas, which raaga can help for different kind of ailments. "Kaunse raag se kaunse bhimaari door hogi." His involvement in music, his love for musicians, as I said earlier, Swar hi Ishwar hai, made me come here.

SOM: You are not only one of the greatest musicians in the world, but also a great writer. How did you cultivate writing?

Ustad Ali: I am not a writer and I could not cultivate writing. But I am a thinker and I think in every direction, in every dimension. And that is my problem, I think a lot and on every subject, though I have no interest in politics, I think about politics also. I know about everybody, every minister what they are doing and the performance of political parties, which I keep hearing from common people.

So, with the help of my family members I began writing for The Week magazine and I am grateful to Malayala Manorama Group, for giving me the chance and honour to write for nearly ten years. One day I decided that there is nothing left, and I stopped it. Now, somebody is trying to make a book out of the columns.

SOM: In 1984, you had recorded an album for children, the popular nursery rhyme "Old Macdonald had a farm." Have you experimented on any more of such children's music?

Ustad Ali: You see, that was because my children Amaan and Ayaan were very young, four or five years old. At that time I realised our country, perhaps was considered third world. So, nobody thought we could create special songs for our children. Everything was imported. All those nursery rhymes, Jingle Bells and Old Macdonald.

Then I made a double cassette album with the help of Modern School where I studied. But it is the older branch, then they had the new branch in Vasanthvihar, in which my children also studied. I couldn't complete my schooling. In 1963 while I was still in school, I was offered a trip to America with a group of musicians and dancers including Birju Maharaj, the Kathak Dancer. So we all went to America for two months , afterwards I got busy performing and I didn't go back to school.

SOM: Up to what class you have studied?

Ustad Ali: May be till eighth or ninth. Unfortunately, you see, the meaning of education for a common man is the bookish knowledge. If I say I am educated enough through my music, I cannot show it on paper. So by the grace of God, people have given me so many doctorates all over the world like Shantiniketan, and York University, England.

There is a *bahut purani kahawat, Hindustan Ki*, "*Mano to Bhagavan, Nahin to Patthar Hain.*"Every *moorthy* (idol) is made out of patthar (stone), whether it is Krishna Bhagavan *hai* or that *ghadi* (clock), *aur Doosara Aur ek khoobsoort* expression *hain Hindustani mein*, "*Atma hi paramata hain.*"

This thought or message somewhere people buried it. *Idar udar jaane ka zaroorat nahin, ghar ko pavitra banao* (There is no need to go anywhere. Make your home itself sacred).

SOM: Classical musicians tend to look down upon light music and songs. But that is what a common man relates to. What is your view?

Ustad Ali: The fact is that every Indian grew up listening to K.L.Saigal, Mohammad Rafi, Lata Mangeshkar, Mukesh, Manna Dey. So the cinema and celluloid are very powerful. Unfortunately the culture of India is considered to be filmi culture. Earlier there were musicians from the folk or film background. But today in the weddings, specially NRI weddings they are all dancing to the tunes of film songs, wearing the same kind of costumes.

According to my Guru there is nothing in the world to be looked down upon. My father often said, try to find some good points in every system, whether it is European , film or Chinese music. Because the common base of any music is *Sa Ri Ga Ma Pa Da Ni* or *Do Re Mi Fa So*. That is why I often feel that all musicians of the world, we are like a family because we are using the same rhythm, same musical notes — Sa Ri Ga Ma or Do Re Mi.

It is only the language which creates a barrier. Because language is something I don't understand. And I didn't try to understand. I gave up. Sometimes if the song is rendered in a different language, I close my eyes and just concentrate only on the sound and because that is the only thing I can understand and through sound I cannot manipulate. If Amjad Ali Khan is out of tune, then people will come to know, I cannot manipulate, because I am a human being, I am not a keyboard.

But people manipulate through language. That is why you win the elections and that is why you lose the elections. If your language is not right. So in the life of politicians — why only politicians every human being — language plays a very important role.

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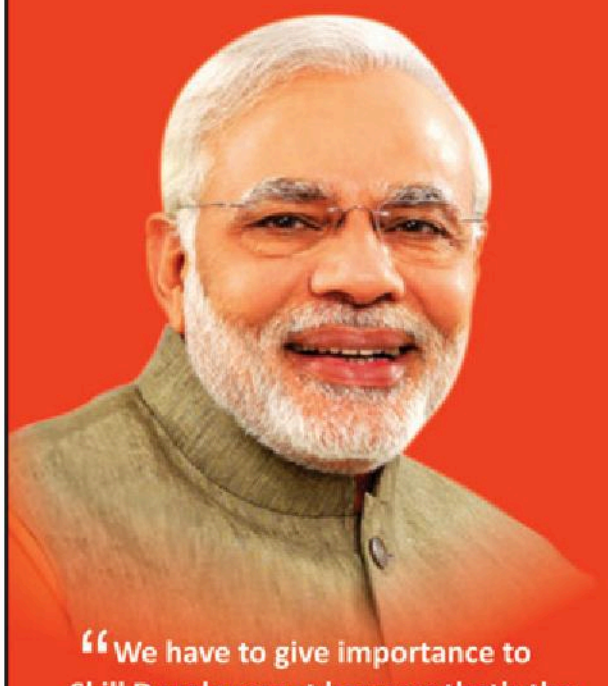

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Chidambaram dwells on power, accountability and tolerance

Day-long Mysuru Literature Festival ends with lively panel discussions

Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram delivering the valedictory address at the First Mysuru Literature Festival in city yesterday.

Mysuru, June 5 (NNN)- Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram wondered why the Mysuru Literature Festival was not called Cauvery Literature Festival.

Delivering the valedictory address at the First Mysuru Literature Festival organised by the Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Book Clubs 2015, at Wind Chimes here yesterday, Chidambaram, in his nearly 40-minute address, stressed on three words - power, accountability and tolerance and also talked about liberty and freedom of expression.

He said that he was delighted to be in Mysuru after travelling the whole day attending a wedding in Madurai, visiting his constituency Sivaganga (from where he was elected seven times) and reaching the city by road.

Quoting Mussolini and his thoughts on liberty, Chidambaram said that a similar ideological practice was seen in Germany and in countries like Turkey, Russia, many African countries and Venezula. "However, the liberty of the individual should not violate the Constitution or the laws upheld by the Courts."

Having served the Parliament and the Court, he said that he had seen sometimes, both overstep their limits. The worst time was when Emergency was imposed. Taking a dig at the disturbing trend seen in the country today, Chidambaram said, "Today everything is being monitored. What should one read, not read, who should one love, not love, what to eat and what not to eat."

It is time to pause and consider what is happening. "Let me give you a few examples which will shake you to the core," he said and gave the example of Rohit Vemula suicide and said "In a way Indian society has not changed very much. First Vemula was excluded and then expelled. Take also when the Dalit boys were beaten up for not removing the carcasses of cattle. It is like damned if you do and damned if you don't."

It all boils down to power and accountability. "Ultimately as elected representatives, they are accountable. When they win elections they promise under the rules of law that they will protect the voiceless, poor and downtrodden," he said and added, "They have to be held accountable."

There is multiplying social degradation."What is happening? I cannot talk to my own 16-year old granddaughter directly. The children do not talk to the parents, because there is so much of conflict. Instead of asking how many marks you got, ask who is your classmate? Go to her house, have lunch, find out what she eats, invite her to your house," said Chidambaram.

Bringing the Kashmir issue to the forefront, he said, "It is a controversy you can't duck. Article 370 is as much a part of the Constitution as any other Article. Everybody was in power in Kashmir. Over the years resentment has built. When asymmetric devolution of power is given to Nagaland, Mizoram, why not to Kashmir?"

Recalling how he led an all party delegation to Kashmir after the 2010 riots as the Union Home Minister, he said, "A young college girl came to me and asked, 'Why is the army in Srinagar at my doorstep? I did not have a direct answer. I asked her, 'Where do you think it should be?' She replied, 'Send it to the border.'"

Taking on the Prime Minister and Finance Minister, on the current financial status of the country, Chidambaram said, "Agreed that any PM or FM can only do so much. If not every day, every other day you should look at three or four numbers as Finance Minister."

He asked the audience gathered, "What is the additional capital investment in the last 12 months?" And when the reply was in the negative, he said, "Investment has declined." Then, "Who is getting credit? The small and medium industries are not getting it. Only a few corporates are getting. It is the lowest in 40 years. When there is no lending, there is no borrowing too," he said.

"I was passionately fond of Rajiv Gandhi. Both of us were of the same age and we got along very well. I am a great admirer of Indira Gandhi, in spite of a few excesses. But the greatest Prime Minister according to me is our first PM Jawaharlal Nehru," he said and added, "Because he saw India through the lens of history."

A lively question and answer session followed.

Earlier, Indira Brunner Chandrashekhar introduced Chidambaram.

Panel Discussions

The panel discussion titled "Defence Stories-Protecting India Within and Without" in which Air Marshall K.C. Cariappa (retd) and K. Vijaykumar who wrote on "Veerappan—Chasing the Brigand," moderated by Aroon Raman, a fiction writer, was lively and engaging.

Book lovers also participated in other panel discussions like Kannada Women Writers on the portrayal of women in the media, literary fiction, crime fiction and royal biographies.

The curtains were finally drawn and the first Mysuru Literature Festival organised by the Book Clubs' ladies was a success. And according to the audience, Mysuru should host more such lit fests and not only the public but also the academia should participate.

A newsletter of Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust & Book Clubs-2015 was released during the Mysuru Literature Festival-2017 organised by the Forum in city yesterday. Seen in the picture are (from left) Forum Chairperson Subha Sanjay Urs, Dr. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Jnanpith Awardee and filmmaker Girish Karnad, Silent Shores Resort & Spa MD Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi, Dr. Balasubramaniam of V-LEAD and writers D. Lalitha Rao and Aroon Raman.

Environment Day

BAI to host month-long celebrations

Mysuru, June 5 (MTY&VNS)- Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, along with Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), Mysuru Chapter, will be organising World Environment Month-2017 from tomorrow.

Addressing press persons at Patrakarthara Bhavan this morning, BAI Mysuru Chairman S. Mahadevaswamy said that the event will be inaugurated by Dr. T.V. Ramachandra, Co-ordinator of Energy and Welfare Research Group (EWRG), Centre of Ecological Sciences, IISc (Bengaluru) at a function to be held at Nityostava Convention Hall near Ballal Circle at 6.30 pm. Later, Film-maker turned environmentalist Mansoor Khan will deliver the keynote address.

Events include: An evening with Icons (June 9), Green Day with home-makers (June 15), Green Treasure Hunt, massive tree planting at Udboor (June 15), drawing contest on Global Warming (June 18), My Green expo (June 24-25), Green event for farmers (June 21) and green route cycling (June 28) and trekking to Bheemanakandi (July 2).

MP launches planting of saplings around Ch'Hill

Mysuru, June 5 (MTY&VNS)- Environment conservation is everyone's responsibility and achieving Green Mysuru should be our goal, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha.

He was speaking after inaugurating a massive sapling planting programme organised by Forest Department in association with various organisations to mark World Environment Day celebrations at Daivi Vana located on the foot of Chamundi Hill, here this morning.

Forest Department has launched planting of saplings to ensure there is ecological balance.

"It is important to plant as many saplings as possible to have timely rainfall and ensure there is enough water to prevent drought-like situation," he added.

MP Pratap Simha also lauded the Forest Department for successfully planting nearly 5 lakh saplings around the Ring Road.

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Tuning into the mind of Ustad Amjad Ali Khan

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SOM: In the last 60 plus years , you have performed all over the world, like cricketers, do you have any favourite concert place?

Ustad Ali: I can only say music is for everybody and every state in India. But musical concerts take place in Bengal, Maharashtra and in South India in all States, whether it is Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu or Andhra Pradesh. In South, I always feel their realisation of God or their realisation of culture is much more in these states though it varies in certain degrees. So, I always look forward to come to South.

SOM: Completely surrendering to God and destiny is the only way to achieve innermost depth and beauty in music. How does an atheist for instance achieve this?

Ustad Ali: You see, the other version of music, as I said in the beginning, *Swar hi Ishwar Hain.* The second version is 'Music is a fine art' and if you listen to symphony of Beethoven, Bach, Mozart or Tchaikovsky, I don't know about their way of life as composers but they have given amazing piece of music to the world. So, I think an atheist also enjoys music, and they listen to music as a form of entertainment. There are many listeners like those who listen to music while reading, cooking or knitting. But for people like us, our life is committed to understand the sound, music and rhythm.

SOM: The latest book that you have penned, "Master on Masters" apart from your writing style, has a beautifully designed hard-cover jacket that is so soft to touch, as soft as your music. Please comment.

Ustad Ali: Thank you very much. I think all the credit goes to Penguin, Random House and the group of ladies working there, specially Milee Ashwarya. It is entirely their prerogative and creativity. My younger son Ayaan who is performing with me today, has contributed a lot in this. Millie was in constant touch with him for discussions.

You see the uniqueness of this book is that no musician ever wrote on others. Why, you must have met many musicians? Musicians write only about their guru and father. Their world ends there. I mean it is natural to write, but to understand others and their contributions, it is very risky and a sensitive subject. I took it up and I hope that followers of the musicians might agree with my views or they might disagree. And that was the risk I took.

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But I must tell you that my children were asked to write a book by Harper and Collins, and it is called 40 Great Masters. It has been published.

SOM: You have written in your book "There is nothing that my children have learnt that my disciples have not". Don't you think your children Amaan and Ayaan have an edge?

Ustad Ali: You see, again, it is the destiny, it is God's wish that Amaan and Ayaan are born in our family, as my children. That is an advantage every child will get whether they are children of Pt. Ravishankar, Ustad Bismilla Khan or Ustad Alla Rakha. But whichever child takes it for granted and does not practice, nothing can happen and there are great examples like; what about the son of Ustad Bade Gulam Ali Khan? You will have to think about it, Ustad Amir Khan, great singers and Bismillah Khan, his children. So fortunately Amaan and Ayaan valued the importance of being my children and also did a lot of hard work which they continue to do and that is why people all over the world accept them, not just because they are Amjad Ali Khan's children. And only those disciples who are well wishers of the Guru will achieve his goal and the rest will not. You see, jealousy *aa jata hain*.

In olden days disciples would touch the feet of the children of Gurus also. That was our history. That was the faith and trust one had in their gurus. At the end of the life of a guru, *uske aas paas kaun hain,* it was only their children and family. Sometimes children also leave him and sometimes those who were with him would also leave him. And every disciple wants to make money for themselves. In Hindi there is a very beautiful phrase, "*hum dard*.' The pain of the Guru is my pain. How many disciples feel that. Every disciple is running after his own fame, popularity and money.

SOM: I don't know whether I should ask you this question.

Ustad Ali: Please go ahead.

SOM: You had a colourful past. But you have been married to a Hindu lady for 40 years. How has this relationship been sustained?

Ustad Ali: My wife Subbalakshmi gave me a new life. She herself is a very good human being apart from being a Bharatanatyam dancer. She is a disciple of Rukmini Dev Arundale. But she is a very kind human being. Even after marriage, she performed at a few concerts and after that she went into designing. She designs all my *kurtas* and also those of my sons and she has given her life to all of us to face the world and give our best to the world.

SOM: Triple Talaq issue is rocking the country. Many celebrities who have Hindu or Muslim spouses have kept mum on this serious issue. Why is it so? Do you have anything to say about that?

Ustad Ali: I would not like to comment on the subject. Because I am not a priest. I am a musician. I wish every priest of every religion should have conveyed the same message, that all of us have a common God.

But I understand their problem because they are paid servants, they get their monthly salary and they have their own agenda. *Agar har priest ye baat kahata hain duniya mein to sab teek ho jaata hain.* So, I am not a priest to talk about talaq.

SOM: Please tell us about Sarod Ghar, especially, as we have a university named after Gangubai Hangal here in Mysuru.

Ustad Ali: I have seen the Gurukul of Gangu Bai Hangal in Dharwad. Sarod Ghar in Gwalior is an inspiration. My wife Subbalkashmi and I visited Beethoven, the great music legend composer's house in Bonn, Germany. We had to buy tickets to enter the house. While they were showing the piano, bed, and his slippers too, I started thinking about how they respect their musicians. In our country perhaps but for Rabindranath Tagore's house in Kolkata, I could not think of any such house. But the way Shakespeare Museum is preserved, we could not preserve the assets of Mirza Ghalib, the greatest Urdu poet. After seeing that museum, the thought came to my mind, in our country there has been a history where if a neta dies, that house becomes a memorial.

For instance, Teen Murti Bhavan where Nehru lived. That house could have been the house of every Prime Minister, but that has been converted into a museum.

When Mr. Arjun Singh was the HRD Minister, I went to meet him with a the request for Rs. 25 lakh. I gave the ministry a proposal and they rejected it right away. Some bureaucrats in the Culture Department tried to create problems saying that "So much money has not been given to anybody."

Arjun Singh intervened and said, he is not anybody. He has not asked for anything from the government, and he told them to sanction the money. Arjun Singh was a person who was passionately involved in art and culture. He created Bharat Bhavan in Bhopal when he was the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.

Sarod Ghar is a message to the younger generation. It not only has photographs of my family members, it has photographs of all great musicians of India. And it has instruments of my family and other families. Many of them have donated their instruments to Sarod Ghar. Zakir Hussain has also donated his grandfather's tabla.

It is open to the public. Every year we honour great masters with Hafiz Ali Khan Award (named after my father) and so far we have honoured the likes of M.S. Subbalakshmi, Semmanagudi Srinivasa Iyer, and D.K. Pattammal to name a few ■

CHAMPIONS TROPHY 2017

India crush Pakistan by 124 runs

Birmingham, June 5 - An all-round performance by the Men in Blue ensured that they continued their good record against Pakistan in ICC tournaments as they defeated their arch rivals Pakistan by a margin of 124 run in a rain-curtailed match at Edgbaston yesterday.

The fortunes changed in the match just like the weather at Birmingham and it was Virat Kohli and his boys who came out shining just like the sun over the Edgbaston at the end of what can be termed as a one-sided contest.

Sarfraz Ahmed's calculated decision to bowl first, keeping the chances of rain in mind, backfired as India posted a total in excess of 300 as all four of their top order batsmen scored half-centuries.

The already stiff target became even tougher for Pakistan as a third lengthy rain interval meant they had to score 289 runs in 41 overs to win the match. Pakistan were never in the chase as their openers made a sluggish start in the face of some disciplined bowling by the Indian pacers.

Ahmed Shehzad's agony was ended in the 9th over by Bhuvneshwar Kumar as he trapped the right-hander plumb in front of the wicket. The highly-rated Babar Azam also departed early, after Ravindra Jadeja took a sharp catch at backward point off the bowling of Umesh Yadav in the 13th over of the innings.

Azhar Ali survived a dropped chance to make his way to a half-century, but his innings never had the fire needed by Pakistan at the top of the order to chase down the big total. He was sent back by Ravindra Jadeja for 50.

The match thereafter lost intensity as Pakistan's batsmen hardly posed any threat to India, with the asking rate going up almost after every over. Pakistan's innings came to a close in the 34th over as the injured Wahab Riaz didn't bat.

Earlier, India's start was a fairly sluggish one as the duo of Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan played cautiously. The innings was interrupted by rain after 9.5 overs were bowled, with India trudging along at 46 for no loss. The fifty-minute break gave the openers some fodder to think about when they came out, both Rohit and Dhawan meant business.

Rohit Sharma hit leg-spinner Shadab Khan for a six over mid-wicket to bring up his half century in 71 deliveries in the 19th over. And then Shikhar Dhawan cut loose by hitting Wahab Riaz for three consecutive boundaries in the next over to provide momentum to the innings and also brought up his half-century in just 48 deliveries.

Dhawan was dismissed for 68 off 65 deliveries in the 25th over, as he hit a Shadab Khan full-toss straight down the throat of deep mid-wicket.

Virat Kohli joined Rohit Sharma in the middle and hopes of the Indian captain demolishing the Pakistan attack yet again came alive as he first hit a boundary off Imad Wasim by delicately opening the face of his bat and then stood tall to slap a Mohammad Amir short delivery to the boundary over the gully region.

Another rain-break meant the match was reduced to 48 overs per side and with the Duckworth and Lewis method favouring the team batting second, India needed to move along quickly.

Rohit finally cut loose in the 36th over, hitting Wahab Riaz for a boundary and a six off consecutive deliveries. Rohit thought was run out for 91 off 119 balls in the next over.

India needed some impetus and Yuvraj Singh and Virat Kohli were the team's best bets to provide it. The moment of reckoning came when Yuvraj was dropped on 8 by Hasan Ali off the bowling of Shadab Khan. Yuvraj misread the wrong one and his attempted hit over the bowler's head landed at long-off but Hasan made a mockery of the chance.

After that reprieve, the southpaw never looked back. He unleashed an array of attacking shots to punish Pakistan. He was extremely destructive against Wahab Riaz and Hasan Ali.

Kohli, who was still not getting the boundaries away was dropped on 43 by substitute fielder Faheem Ashraf. What happened after that seemed like a perfect script of the wheels coming off Pakistan's bowling wagon yet again.

Mohammad Amir hobbled off the pitch with a suspected knee injury without completing his quota of overs and that allowed India to take control. Kohli and Yuvraj took Wahab Riaz and Hasan Ali to the cleaners.

Hardik Pandya added the final touch by hitting three consecutive sixes in the final over off Imad Wasim to help India finish with 319/3 on the board in their 48 overs. Yuvraj Singh was the real star with a cameo of 53 off just 32 deliveries. Virat Kohli further cemented his credentials as Pakistan's biggest nemesis by staying unbeaten on 81 off 68 deliveries.

India next take on Sri Lanka at the Oval in London and victory in that match will all but seal their place in the semi-finals.

ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY
ENGLAND & WALES 2017

TODAY'S MATCH
Bangladesh Vs Australia
Venue: The Oval, London, 6 PM

TOMORROW'S MATCH
England Vs New Zealand
Venue: Cardiff Wales Stadium, Cardiff, 3 PM

YESTERDAY'S RESULT
India 319 for 3 in 48 overs
BEAT
Pakistan 164 all out in 33.4 overs

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Malnad State Ranking Badminton

City's Raghu enters men's singles final

Bengaluru, June 5- Mysuru-based M. Raghu sailed into the final in men's singles in the Malnad State Ranking Badminton Tournament on Saturday.

In the men's singles semi-finals, Raghu scored an upset win over fifth seed Abhilash 21-14, 2-18 and set up a title clash with K. Sai Prateek. Earlier, Raghu scored a good 21-11, 21-15 win over Priyanshu Agarwal.

68th Junior National Basketball Championship

Karnataka women begin with a win

Noida, June 5 - Last year's winners Karnataka women opened with a close 65-64 win over Kerala in the 68th junior National basketball Championships organised by Uttar Pradesh Basketball Association in association at the at Shiv Nadar University in Gautam Budh Nagar here yesterday.

Karnataka led early before Kerala stormed back in the second quarter to trail 36-38 at halftime. The teams kept going back and forth right till the final buzzer before the experienced Karnataka side pulled through with a nail biting one point win. Sanjana Ramesh of Karnataka top scored with 20 points, while Kerala forward Sreekala fought hard with 25 points in the losing effort.

Later in the evening, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Tamil Nadu teams too posted easy wins.

Maharashtra men outclass Delhi

In the Level 1 men's matches, Maharashtra registered a surprisingly easy 81-64 victory over Delhi. The second quarter largely sealed the fate of the game, as Maharashtra outscored their opponents 24-6. Later in the day, Tamil Nadu men made short work of Chhattisgarh, their scintillating perimeter defense restricting Chhattisgarh to just 49 points in the game. Tamil Nadu's P Baladhaneshwar, who has already played for senior national team, top scored with 22 points and showed excellent mobility on both ends of the floor.

Kerala men got off to a flyer beating Telangana 109-26. Joshua George top scored with 28 points, with Muhammed Shiras (21 points), Amal Reghu (19 points) and Sejin Mathew (11 points) chipping in with double digit scoring as well.

Hosts UP men start with impressive win

In lower Level 2 action, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal women too started off with confident victories. In men's Level 2, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand won their respective matches.

Hosts Uttar Pradesh men had it easy against Jharkhand, winning their Level 2 Group D encounter 67-25.

FRENCH OPEN 2017

Nadal, Djokovic storm into quarter-final

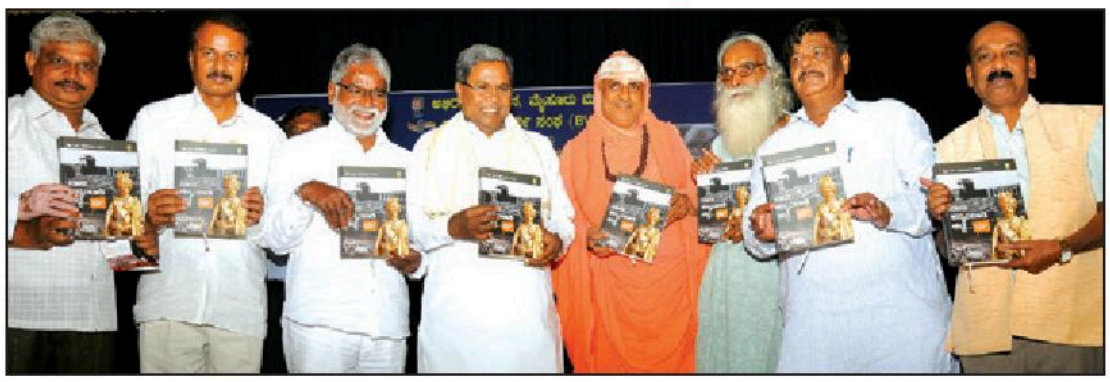
Paris, June 5- Nine-time champion Rafael Nadal surged into the French Open quarter-finals for a record-equalling 11th time yesterday, while reigning women's title-holder Garbine Muguruza crashed out in the last 16.

Nadal continued his ruthless form at Roland Garros by dispatching Spanish 17th seed Roberto Bautista Agut 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 to match Roger Federer's mark of last-eight appearances in Paris. The 14-time major winner is yet to drop a set, conceding just six games in the last two rounds as he strives to become the first man to win 10 titles at a single Grand Slam.

The fourth seed will meet compatriot Pablo Carreno Busta, through to his first Slam quarter-final, for spot in last four after the latter stunned Canada's Milos Raonic.

Defending champion Novak Djokovic reached a record-equalling 11th French Open quarter-final on with a 7-6 (7/5), 6-1, 6-3 win over Spain's Albert Ramos-Vinolas.

Cauvery agreements have caused loss to the State, rues CM



Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is seen releasing the book** 'Naanu Kannambadi Katte, Heegondu Atmakathe' **authored by Prof. P.V. Nanjaraje Urs** (third from right) **at the Rani Bahadur Auditorium here yesterday. Also seen are Abhiruchi Ganesh of Abhiruchi Prakashana, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, Prof. P.V. Nanjaraje Urs, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarthri Deshikendra Swamiji, District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Mysore Varsity Acting V-C Prof. Dayananda Mane and others.

Mysuru, June 5 (SP&VNS)- The Cauvery water sharing agreements signed in 1892 and 1924 have meted injustice on the State and it has not been possible to find a solution for the problem over the past few decades, said Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, here yesterday.

He was speaking after releasing the book *'Naanu Kannambadi Katte, Heegondu Atmakathe'* authored by Prof. P.V. Nanjaraje Urs, at the Rani Bahadur Auditorium located at Manasagangothri.

Water dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu is not new. It is a history and since the agreement between the then Madras Province and Mysore State was not done scientifically the matter today is in front of the tribunal.

The CM also said that it was not possible to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu as State suffered severe drought for past two years and added that Court Judgments were like a hanging sword as they were opposite to the reality. "We will pass a resolution in the Assembly stating that it is not possible for the State to release water to Tamil Nadu," said Siddharamaiah.

The book written by Prof. Nanjaraja Urs gives an insight into the construction of the KRS dam built between 1911 and 1932, problems faced, people responsible for the construction and it also talks about the current scenario with respect to River Cauvery water dispute, he added. CM Siddharamaiah also remembered the contributions of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar for launching many pro-people programmes. "He said that it was during Nalwadi's rule that K.R. Hospital, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, University of Mysore and FKCC. Above all, it was during his rule that Miller's Commission was constituted in year 1919 to address problems for the Backward Communities.

He also said that the Government was not conducting any puja praying for the rains adding that it was only people who had belief were offering the pujas. It may be recalled that Water Resources Minister M.B. Patil has been offering various pujas praying for good rainfall.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarthri Deshikendra Swamiji, District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, Author Prof. P.V. Nanjaraje Urs, University of Mysore Acting V-C Prof. Dayananda Mane, Abhiruchi Ganesh of Abhiruchi Prakashana, Bahujana Vidyarthi Sangha District President Sosale Siddaraju were present.

Javagal Srinath is MCC's Swachh Bharat Ambassador

MCC's Swachh Bharat Ambassador Javagal Srinath being felicitated at his Kuvempunagar residence by Mayor M.J.Ravikumar, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, Corporators Mahadevappa, K.V. Mallesh and J.S. Jagadish, MCC Health Officer Nagaraj and others.

22 bus passengers charred to death in UP

Bareilly, June 5 - Twenty-two people have been reported dead and 19 injured after a bus collided with a truck near the Bareilly bypass on National Highway-24 in Uttar Pradesh today at 1.10 am.

The bus was carrying 38 passengers, along with two drivers and a conductor, to Gonda district from New Delhi. Authorities said that the truck was coming from Shahjahanpur district and the driver is absconding.

The bodies have been badly charred as the bus caught fire after the collision. The injured have been taken to a district hospital and six of them have been reported as serious. Authorities have so far failed to identify a single body. "Around 5.45 am, we received 22 dead bodies from the bus accident site. The bodies are charred beyond recognition. It is difficult to even determine the gender of the people," said Dr. Shailesh Ranjan of the Bareilly district hospital.

The diesel tank of the bus burst after the collision which led to a fire. According to reports, it took over 90 minutes for fire engines to reach the spot.

Newly wedded couple commits suicide by coming under moving train

Sunil

Maddur, June 5- A newly wedded couple committed suicide by falling in front of a moving train near Maddur Railway Station yesterday.

They have been identified as Sunil (28), a resident of Hunsur village in T. Narasipur taluk and Manjula (25), a resident of Kollegal. It is learnt that Sunil and Manjula had got married after falling in love a month ago and had relocated themselves to Bengaluru.

Yesterday afternoon, they came to Maddur in their bike, parked the vehicle at a distance. They then wrote a death note, kept the mobile phone and the death note in the purse and fell under a moving train.

In their death note, they have stated that both the families in Hunsur and Kollegal, should not fight over their death and to hand over the bike to the family members.

They have also stated that they were taking the extreme step as it was becoming impossible to live and there should not be any probe in this regard. They have requested the authorities to cremate them together.

After the incident, the Police, who found the mobile phone, called a number that was recieved by Sunil's relative Mahadevaswamy. He told the Police that Sunil was the son of late Ramesh and was working as a mason.

He further stated that Sunil fell in love with a girl from Kollegal and later left the village and had relocated himself in Bengaluru.

Mahadevaswamy further said that he along with others used to request him to come back to the village.

He said that the engagement of Sunil's elder brother was held on June 4 and Sunil had called him over phone at about 11 am, telling that he was attending the event. Mandya Railway Police led by ASI Suresh conducted Mahazar and shifted the bodies to MIMS Hospital mortuary in Mandya.

Nalwadi's works should be an inspiration to politicians: District In-charge Minister

Mysuru, June 5 (SPN&DM)- Observing that the works of Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar should be an inspiration to modern day politicians, PWD and District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said that the legendary ruler should be credited for introducing reservation in administration.

He was speaking after inaugurating the stage programme of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti jointly organised by the District Administration, Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Ursu Jayantotsava Samiti and Federation of Ursu Organisations, at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road here yesterday.

Underlining the development works that were undertaken by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Dr. Mahadevappa said that it was Nalwadi, who laid the foundation for the State to prosper as an educational hub.

Pointing out that Mahatma Gandhi was so inspired by Nalwadi's work, that he honoured the erstwhile Mysuru ruler with the title 'Rajarshi.'

Noting that Krishnaraja Wadiyar played a key role in the construction of KRS Dam, he said it was Nalwadi, who introduced electoral reforms, was the first to give voting rights to all sections of the society.

Opining that the erstwhile Mysuru Samsthana was considered as the best among all Indian Provinces then, the Minister said that many intellectuals had called Nalwadi's Rule as *'Ramarajya.'*

Reiterating that Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar is a role model for every politician of today, Dr. Mahadevappa said that there was a great responsibility on our part in continuing Nalwadi's works.

Writer Bannur K.Raju too spoke on the occasion.

MLA's Vasu and M.K. Somashekar, Bhovi Development Corporation Chairman G.V. Seetaram, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, Deputy Mayor Rathna Lakshnman, Food and Civil Supplies Department Deputy Director Purushottam, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa and other officials were present.

Obituary

K.G. Hanumanth Rao Kale

Mysuru, June 5 - K.G. Hanumanth Rao Kale (68), retd. KSRTC driver and a resident of K.N. Pura in Udayagiri, passed away yesterday following heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this afternoon.

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CM launches 'Digital Display Screen' in city

Mysuru, June 5 (RKB&DM)- With an objective of popularising Government schemes, projects and programmes, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah launched the 'Digital Display Screen' outside Curzon Park near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, yesterday.

PWD and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, Deputy Mayor Rathna Lakshman, MLAs Vasu and M.K. Somashekar, ZAK Chairperson Mallige Veeresh, Corporators Rajalakshmi Shivanna, Prashanth Gowda and Mahadevappa, Information and Public Relations Department Director Vishu Kumar and others were present.

The huge screen is installed by the Information and Public Relations Department. Nine other such screens will be installed at a few other cities in the first phase, including three in Bengaluru and one each at Hassan, Belagavi, Shivamogga, Hubballi, Mangaluru and Davanagere.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had announced in the Budget that such screens, aimed at publicising and popularising Government schemes, will be installed at all Taluk Headquarters of the State.

The screens with the heading 'Tantrajnanadondige - Abhivrudhiya Kadege' will display all schemes, programmes, projects, plans and initiatives announced by the Siddharamaiah Government since coming to power four years ago.

Chief Minister signs signature campaign

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, at his Ramakrishnanagar residence in city, signed a signature campaign launched by the District Mahila Congress to press the Centre for 33 percent reservation for women in Assembly and Parliament seats.

Claiming that AICC President Sonia Gandhi had introduced the Women Reservation Bill, guaranteeing 33 percent reservation for women in State Legislature and Parliament, the Mahila Congress Members wanted the Union Government to pass the Bill and thus ensure reservation for women.

District Mahila Congress President Nandini Chandrashekar, former ZP President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, former Mayor Pushpalatha Chikkanna, former Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa and others were present. Later, the Chief Minister heard grievances from the public at his residence and received representations from them.

The CM directed the officials concerned to look into the matter and address the public grievances suitably.

There is no other art bigger than Yakshagana: Dr. Bellipadi Satish

Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai, President of Bellipadi Yaksha Samskrutika Vedike, is seen beating** chende **(vertical drums used in Yakshagana), during inauguration of Yakshagana classes organised by Karavali Yakshagana Kendra at Vijaya Vittala School premises here yesterday.

Mysuru, June 5 (DVG&DM)- "Although there are numerous forms of performing arts, there is none bigger than Yakshagana," opined Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai, President of Bellipadi Yaksha Samskrutika Vedike.

He was speaking after inaugurating Yakshagana classes organised by Karavali Yakshagana Kendra at Vijaya Vittala School premises here on Sunday.

Pointing out that Yakshagana was a full-scale theatre art, Dr. Satish said that Dakshina Kannada district had played a vital role in promotion of Yakshagana.

Observing that Yakshagana is called a 'Gandu Kale,' which involves song, dance, facial expressions, costumes, dialogues, background music and the like, he said that Yakshagana has earned a special place just as *Bhootaradhane* and *Naagaradhane* in Tulu culture.

Noting that Yakshagana has taught Kannada to many, Dr. Satish Rai complimented the Kendra for organising Yakshagana classes in Mysuru with an objective of promoting the art in this region.

Karavali Yakshagana Kendra President Achladi Balakrishna Shetty, Secretary Raja G. Kanchan, Auditor G.N. Anantavardhan, Yakshagana exponents Kargal Vishweshwara Bhat and Manoj Bhat and others were present.

Book on 'Gallant Kodava and his Gun' released

Kodavas must to use their rights cautiously to own a gun, says author Palecanda S. Subiah

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha** (third from left) **is seen releasing the book 'The Gallant Kodava and His Gun' in Madikeri yesterday along with** (from left) **Jammada Ganesh Aiyanna, UKO Convener Kokkalemada Manju Chinnappa, author Palecanda S. Subiah, Supreme Court Advocate Brijesh Kalappa and Additional Deputy Commissioner Satish Kumar.

Madikeri, June 5- The exclusive right granted to Kodavas to own a gun since generations must be safeguarded carefully, said Advocate Palecanda S. Subiah. He was speaking at an event to release his book 'The Gallant Kodava and His Gun' in Madikeri yesterday.

The event was jointly organised by United Kodava Organisation (UKO) and Kodava Voggat, Mysuru, at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa College Seminar Hall in Madikeri. Palecanda Subiah is a practicing advocate and is considered to be an authority with respect to Kodava gun and Jamma tenure issues.

"The right to own a gun granted to Kodava community is different from 'Jamma' gun rights. While Kodavas have obtained the right and this has passed on from generations, the rights of 'Jamma' land holders to possess a gun was added later," he said.

"As Kodavas had gun exemption, the Maharajas too had the right to own different weapons. But the privilege of the Maharajas was taken away in 1971 by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi," Subiah said and asked Kodavas to use their rights cautiously.

British Chief Commissioner General Mark Cubbon had in his order provided Kodavas to own guns and this was limited to Kodava community. "The exemption of owning a gun was introduced in 1963. In 1962, attempts were made to remove the exclusive privilege under the 1959 Arms Act. At that time, a delegation was taken to the Centre to impress upon the Government not to remove the rights," he said and added that from then onwards Kodavas have been enjoying the privilege.

Continuing, Subiah opined that most of the Deputy Commissioners (who have the authority to issue gun licence) who come to Kodagu have no knowledge about the gun privilege of Kodavas. "The role of Member of Parliament who represents Kodagu is crucial here," he said.

Responding to Subiah's address, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who released the book 'The Gallant Kodava and His Gun' said that he fully understood the rights of Kodava community that have been passed on from generations and will do his best to safeguard the same. "I had fully backed the community when their interests had to be safeguarded," he said.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Supreme Court Advocate Palachanda Brijesh Kalappa said that it was a matter of pride that among the 125 crore population in India and among 3,000 castes and 25,000 sub-castes, only Kodavas had the right to own a gun. "It is our duty to safeguard the right and pass it on to the next generation," he said.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Satish Kumar, UKO Convener Kokkalemada Manju Chinnappa and others were present. One of the event organisers Jammada Ganesh Aiyanna spoke about the book and proposed a vote of thanks.

Special prayers at Talacauvery to propitiate Rain Gods

Madikeri, June 5- Officials of Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Ltd. (CNNL) yesterday chanted 'Parjanya Japa' to propitiate Rain Gods at Talacauvery, the birthplace of River Cauvery. Officials, along with Priests, chanted the Japa in the wake of stiff opposition to conduct the ritual using Government funds.

Earlier, the State Government had said that it would conduct a 'Parjanya homa' at Talacauvery where River Cauvery originates. The initiative was led by Water Resources Minister M.B. Patil. He, however, had to back off from the original plan following widespread criticism and later stated that he would spend his own money for the event.

Yesterday, only Parjanya Japa and special prayers were held. CNNL Executive Engineer Basavaraj and his wife took part in the special prayers held under the guidance of Priest Prashanth Achar. Minister Patil, however, did not take part in the Japa.

Patil, along with Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, offered 'baagina' at the Triveni Sangam in Bhagamandala yesterday. Later, he offered prayers at the Bhangadeshwara Temple.

Speaking to reporters, the Minister said, "if offering prayers to mother is wrong and a superstitious belief, then I am ready to conduct such prayers several times. Some offer prayers to lifeless stones. Why should one oppose offering prayers to River Cauvery, the lifeline of crores of people," he asked.

"CM Siddharamaiah does not believe in homas and has termed it a superstitious belief. Doesn't his wife offer prayers at temples? Has he not benefited from it?" Patil retorted.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Eleyaru Naavu Geleyaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Sarkari Kelasa Devara Kelasa	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Pataki	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Bangara S/o Bangarada Manushya			
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Raajakumara	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Maasthi Gudi	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Ee Kalarava	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Baahubali 2	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Secret Girl 009	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Wonder Woman	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Kick	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Baywatch	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Wonder Woman (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 4.30 pm 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Baahubali-2 (Te)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Pirates of the Caribbean (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.15 am, 1.45 pm
Sachin: A Billion Dreams (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm; (S-4) 10.15 am
Baahubali-2 (Te)	(S-2)	6.45 pm
Adventures of Omanakuttan (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Sarkari Kelasa Devara Kelasa (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am
Pataki (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Eleyaru Naavu Geleyar (K)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Andhhagadu (Te)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Baywatch (E)	(S-4)	12.50 pm, 7.35 pm, 9.50
Dobaara: See Your Evil (H)	(S-4)	3.05 pm
Hindi Medium (H)	(S-4)	5.05 pm

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Baahubali-2 (H)	(S-4)	9.55 pm
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Pataki (K)	(S-3)	10.00 am, (S-4) 4.20 pm
Eleyaru Naavu Geleyaru (K)	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Dobaara: See Your Evil (H)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Adventures of Omanakuttan (Ma)	(S-3)	6.35 pm
Sarkari Kelasa Devara Kelasa (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

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6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 7.15 Sponsored Prog., 8.30 Radio Doctor, 10.00 Music Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 11.30 Keli Kali, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 01.00 Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.15 Hosa Dishe, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Kathaa Kaalakshepa, 5.00 Film Songs, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Kannadada Kanmanigalu, 9.16 Hindi Lessons, 9.30 Music Recital, 10.30 Savinenapu.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 5)

Impressionz: Fashion extravaganza, Hotel Southern Star, **up to 8.30 pm.**

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens: World Environment Day, Naming ceremony of a giraffe, **4.30 pm;** Feedback, **5 pm.**

Elder Citizen's Council, Jayalakshmipuram: Talk on 'Mental and Physical Health - Yoga and Ayurveda' by Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, Council President Dr.N.K. Ramachandregowda presides, Council premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI): World Environment Day, CSIR-Emeritus Scientist Dr. T. Shivanandappa guest speaker, IEI Mysuru Chairman M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar: 43rd Vardhanti Mahotsava-2017, Utsava, **6 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **7.30 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampurna Srimadramayana' by Prof. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 6)

Taluk Panchayat: Special meeting, TP President Kalamma Kemparamaiah presides, TP Hall, Mini Vidhana Soudha Room No. 212, **11 am.**

Ursu Chintakara Chavadi: 35th death anniversary of former CM D. Devaraj Urs, retired RTO Balaraje Urs inaugurates, Backward Classes Welfare Department District Officer G. Somashekar unveils a portrait of D. Devaraj Urs, Backward Classes Welfare Department Joint Director B.S. Prabha Urs chief guest, Chavadi premises, Chamarajapuram, **5 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampurna Srimadramayana' by Prof. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

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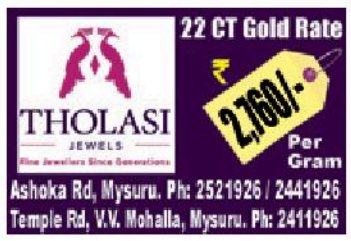

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